

## Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

February 9, 2006

15 South 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 103-A

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

### **Members Present:**

David Landrith

Gary Krahenbuhl, Ed.D

Manuel Modiano, M.D. (via phone)

Steven Weinberg, Esq. (via phone)

Walter Williams, Ph.D., M.D.

### **Staff Present:**

Dawn C. Schroeder, D.D.S.

James Matthews

Ismene Quintanilla

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Acting Chairperson Landrith. A quorum was present. Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved to approve the December 8, 2005 meeting minutes. Commissioner Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jack LaSota of Miller LaSota Peters gave the Commissioners an overview of the 2006 legislative session. He discussed the bills that he is tracking on behalf of the Commission. They are: SB1278, SB1491, and HB2044. He highlighted HB2789 Innovation Arizona which contains a provision that appoints an ABRC Commissioner to the Innovation Arizona board of directors and SB1355 which would appropriate \$10 million to the Department of Health Services for autism research. Commissioners shared their desire to see autism research but expressed their concern that the research award will be made without competitive bidding.

Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion and consideration of proposals submitted under Request for Proposal 5-100 and 5-100A. Commissioner Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session began at 10:35 a.m. The Commission returned to the open meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved to approve the proposal "Promoting Tribal Community Participation in Biomedical Research." Commissioner Modiano seconded the motion. Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved to approve the proposal "Community Participatory Model to Enhance Translational Research in the Hispanic Community." Commissioner Modiano seconded the motion.

The Commissioners discussed a request for partial funding to purchase a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer for the Southwest Center for Natural Products Research and Commercialization. It was the consensus of the Commission that requests for equipment and capital enhancements should be subject to a more rigorous review process similar to the one for research project awards. Commissioner Krahenbuhl moved that the request be denied and that staff be directed to review Commission finances and at the April Commission meeting present a process for soliciting from existing Commission funded researchers requests to purchase equipment or refresh existing

equipment that will enhance Commission funded research projects. Commissioner Modiano seconded the motion.

Executive Director Schroeder discussed the process by which Commissioners will review the 112 proposals submitted in response to RFP06-200. The Commissioners will be divided into one group of four and one group of three. Each group will review half of the proposals. After the proposal peer reviews have been received and reviewed by the Commissioners, the Commission will meet to make its funding decisions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Depending on the status of the proposal review process the meeting may be held on Thursday, May 11, 2006.

There was a call to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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James Matthews  
Deputy Director